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For: **APPARATUS AND METHODS OF SELECTING SPECIAL CHARACTERS
IN A MOBILE COMMUNICATION TERMINAL**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 28, 2006, reconsideration of the rejections set forth therein is requested as follows:

Claims 1-40 are pending.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-9, 23-24, 29-30, and 35-40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by La Fleur, U.S. Patent No. 6,708,214. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites a method of selecting special characters in a hand-held mobile communication terminal comprising, *inter alia*, in addition to inputting an alphabet letter in an editing mode via a keypad, displaying a plurality of European alphabet letters, including

special characters not used in the English alphabet, corresponding to the input alphabet letter, wherein a series of numbers are associated respectively with each of the European alphabet letters. Apparatus claims 23, 29, 35, 37 and 39 recite similar features. La Fleur does not disclose or suggest such features, or the respective claimed combinations of independent claims 1, 23, 29, 35, 37 and 39.

The Examiner in his rejection refers to col. 4, line 66-col. 5, line 11. These paragraphs of La Fleur are directed to the various modes by which a user can input an URL, including a number input mode, an alphabetic input mode, a symbol input mode, and an URL input mode. The user selects the input mode using key 216 of keypad 214 shown in Fig. 2. Pressing key 216 cycles through the four input modes, which are indicated by a soft key identifier in the display. When the mobile device 100 is in the number input mode, the user can enter numbers using number keys 230. In the alphabetic input mode, the number keys 230 operate to enter alphabetic characters. In the symbol mode, the user enters special characters, using the number keys and/or other keys. However, La Fleur does not disclose or suggest displaying a plurality of European alphabet letters, including special characters not used in the English alphabet, corresponding to the input alphabet letter, wherein a series of numbers is associated respectively with each of the European alphabet letters, as recited in independent claim 1. Further, La Fleur does not disclose or suggest the similar features recited in apparatus claims 23, 29, 35, 37, and 39. Furthermore, La Fleur does not disclose or suggest the respective claimed combinations of independent claims 1, 23, 29, 35, 37, and 39.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claims 1, 23, 29, 35, 37, and 39 over La Fleur should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 2-9, 24, 30, 36, 38, and 40 are allowable over La Fleur at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1, 23, 29, 35, 37, and 39 from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features.

The Office Action rejected claims 10-22, 25-28 and 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kraft et al. (hereinafter “Kraft”), U.S. Patent No 6,487,424. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 10 recites a method of selecting special characters in mobile communication terminal comprising, *inter alia*, in addition to inputting an alphabet letter, displaying European alphabet letters, including special characters not used in the English alphabet, on an additional screen partially overlaying a screen displaying the input alphabet letter if it is determined that the mode conversion key has been activated. Independent claim 19 recites a method of selecting special characters in a mobile communication terminal comprising, *inter alia*, in addition to inputting an alphabet letter to be converted to a European alphabet letter, and displaying a plurality of European alphabet letters, including special characters not used in the English alphabet, corresponding to the input alphabet letter on a pop-up window partially overlaying a screen displaying the input alphabet letter. Apparatus claims 25, 27, 31, and 33 recite similar features. Kraft fails to disclose or suggest such features, or the respective claimed combinations of independent claims 10, 19, 25, 27, 31, and 33.

That is, as shown in Figure 3, the display 3 of Kraft includes first display part 20 and second display part 22. The first and second display parts 20, 22 do not partially overlay one another.

The Examiner argues in the “Response to Arguments” section of the Office Action that “Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 show the screen having two windows 20 and 22 appearing on top of the screen.” However, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 of Kraft do not disclose or suggest displaying European alphabet letters, including special characters not used in the English alphabet letter, on an additional screen partially overlaying a screen displaying the input alphabet letter if it is determined that the mode conversion key has been activated, as recited in independent claim 10. That is, the first and second display parts 20 and 22 disclosed by Kraft are both displayed on the LCD display 3 at the same time and do not in any way overlap. Moreover, one of ordinary skill in the art would clearly recognize that Kraft does not disclose or suggest “a pop-up window,” and more particularly, displaying a plurality of European alphabet letters, including special characters not used in the English alphabet, corresponding to the input alphabet letter on a pop-up window partially overlaying a screen displaying the input alphabet letter, as recited in independent claim 19. As previously stated, apparatus claims 25, 27, 31, and 33 recite similar features. Kraft fails to disclose or suggest such features, or the respective claimed combinations of independent claims 10, 19, 25, 27, 31, and 33.